

THE COUNCIL

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April 18, 1978.

Res. No. 210

Resolution Calling Upon the State Legislature to Pass the Clean Indoor Air Act (S.6117-A.8565).

By Council Members Stern, Michels, Messinger, Steingut, Leffler, Olivieri and Trichter; also Council Members Codd, Crispino, Gerena-Valentin and Greitzer—

Whereas, The Surgeon General of the United States has determined that smoking is hazardous to one's health; and

Whereas, The majority of people in the United States do not smoke; and

Whereas, Nonsmokers are subjected to discomfort when in an enclosed space with smokers and may be forced to leave the room; and

Whereas, The New York City Health Code presently prohibits smoking in supermarkets, theatres, concert halls, hospitals, nursing homes, museums, libraries, classrooms or lecture halls, and in any enclosed public space in which 50 or more persons gather for religious, recreational, political or social purpose; and

Whereas, A bill (S.6117-A.8565), called the Clean Indoor Air Act, has been introduced in the State Legislature and is being considered to ban smoking in a public place, at a public meeting, except in designated smoking areas; and

Whereas, This bill defines a public place as any enclosed indoor area used by the general public, including restaurants, retail stores, public means of transportation, educational institutions, hospitals, auditoriums, theaters, libraries, museums, arenas and meeting rooms, among others; and

Whereas, The Clean Indoor Air Act would improve the health of the residents of New York State and further the rights of nonsmokers; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of The City of New York calls upon the State Legislature to pass the Clean Indoor Air Act (S. 6117-A. 8565).

Referred to the Committee on Health.

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